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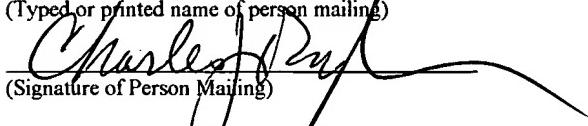
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40 In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, please enter the following
Amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

- A 1. (Amended) A network topology backplane bus architecture comprising:
a plurality of independent data communication lines;